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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5644

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 6709

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TORRIJOS TO ATTEND CENTRAL AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE
MEETING

REF: PANAMA 6609

1. LOCAL PRESS TODAY, OCT 31, STATED THAT HEAD OF GOVERN-
MENT, GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS WILL LEAVE TODAY FOR THE CENTRAL
AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN GUATEMALA. SLIGHT DOUBT
EXPRESSED HERE LAST WEEKEND (SEE REFTEL) APPARENTLY NOW
SCOTCHED.

2. TORRIJOS IN CONVERSATION THIS WEEK WITH AMBASSADOR
EXPRESSED QUALMS OVER SUPPORTING GUATEMALA'S CLAIMS TO
BELIZE. TORRIJOS' PERSONAL FEELINGS SEEM TO FAVOR SELF
DETERMINATION FOR BELIZE, BUT EMBASSY DOUBTS THESE WILL BE
TRANSLATED INTO PANAMA'S OFFICIAL POSITION. OUR
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ESTIMATION REMAINS THAT TORRIJOS WILL SIGN CONFERENCE

STATEMENT ON BELIZE (ALMOST CERTAINLY FAVORABLE TO
GUATEMALA), ESPECIALLY SINCE PANAMA WILL REQUEST EX-
PRESSION OF CENTRAL AMERICAN SOLIDARITY WITH HER ON CANAL
ISSUE.
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